

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health and Human Services**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 118E and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, a remote public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., relative to the repeal of:

101 CMR 448.00: Workforce Investment Rates for Certain Health and Human Services Programs

This regulation established limited time payment rates for certain Health and Human Services programs that are purchased by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB), the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC), the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MCDHH), the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Department of Youth Services (DYS), the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA), as well as purchased directly through the MassHealth program.

101 CMR 448.00 will be repealed effective July 1, 2022. Beginning July 1, 2022, the rates for all services described in 101 CMR 448.00 will revert to the applicable rates set forth in the corresponding “parent” rate regulation for each service, as described in 101 CMR 448.00.

There is no associated fiscal impact with the repeal of this regulation.

To register to testify at the hearing and to get instructions on how to join the hearing online, go to www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings. To join the hearing by phone, call (646) 558-8656 and enter meeting ID 935 397 8200# when prompted.

You may also submit written testimony instead of, or in addition to, live testimony. To submit written testimony, please email your testimony to ehs-regulations@mass.gov as an attached Word or PDF document or as text within the body of the email with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All written testimony must include the sender’s full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony will be accepted through 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022. EOHHS specifically invites comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care.

To review the proposed repealed regulation, go to www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings or request a copy

in writing from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. To view or download related supporting materials, go to www.mass.gov/service-details/proposed-regulations-supporting-materials.

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EOHHS may adopt a final, revised version of the proposed action taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

In case of inclement weather or other emergency, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the MassHealth website at www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings.

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